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Road bond issue creates rift

BY ED LEPOMA

There's a war of words brewing between supervisors and a citizens group opposing "an intent" to float a \$6 million bond issue to blacktop and upgrade all roads in Hancock County.

Supervisors recently were advised by their attorney, Gerald Gex, that if they intend to issue general obligation road and bridge bonds they must

advertise that intent. They voted 4-1 on Nov. 20 to begin advertising their intent in three successive issues of the Echo.

Almost immediately, Jerry Ladner, and his Concerned Citizens for Good Government took out a newspaper ad and Ladner began lambasting the proposal on his local radio talk show, claiming the bond issue would ultimately raise property owners' taxes.

He announced his intention to get the signatures of at least 1,500 voters, which would force supervisors to put the questions to citizens on the next election ballot. By law, Gex said, Ladner has until Jan. 6 to get the required signatures, and supervisors, in reality, can take up to two years to decide whether to issue the bonds.

It appears, however, that

Board of Supervisors President Philip Moran wants to issue the bonds as soon as possible.

Moran came to the Echo Friday to claim Ladner's not telling the real story.

Ladner's ad reads, "Taxes, Taxes and More Taxes," and asked citizens, "Are you aware that four of our five supervisors are trying to raise our taxes with a \$6 million bond issue?"

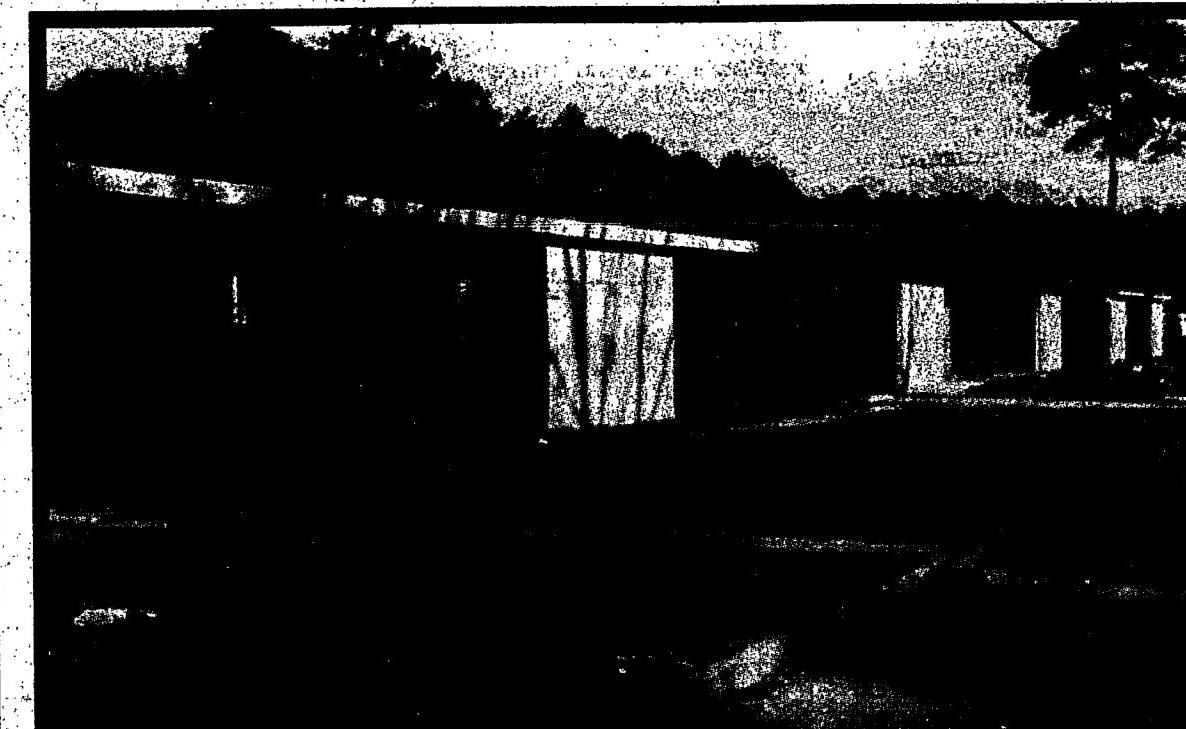
Moran implied he's growing

a little weary of Ladner's tactics.

"He's opposed everything we've tried to do since we took office last January," said Moran. "He's against any landfill, any zoning, and now this."

Moran said citizens who had signed Ladner's petition "crossed their names off after I explained we won't necessarily have to raise taxes."

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Coming down

For more than a year, the abandoned public housing units (above) on North Street in Pass Christian were a neighborhood eyesore and a haven for criminal activity, but a local contractor has purchased the two sites, and has started demolishing most of the structures (below). Please see story on Page 3.



TIDES

1:45 p.	4:20 p.
11:02 p.	
Wed. 8:33 p.	12:03 p.
Thur. 7:55 p.	10:28 a.
Fri. 7:59 p.	7:34 a.
Sat. 8:21 p.	7:18 a.
Sun. 8:53 p.	7:43 a.

World traveling teens make holiday visit to the Coast

BY BETSY GAGNET

For Amanda and Christine Carver, coming home for a Christmas visit requires a little more planning than most holiday travelers have to do.

The two sisters had a 31-hour transcontinental trip to the Coast for a visit with grandparents and numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

Although Amanda, 16, and Christine, 12, are originally from Mississippi, living in Waveland for four years, they currently live in New Delhi, India with their mother, Cathy Annito and stepfather Jason Annito, who works with the State Department at the American Embassy.

Cathy Annito, whose maiden name is Toulme, was born and raised in Bay St. Louis and her parents, Pat and Catherine Toulme, still live in Waveland. India is only the latest stop on the world travels of the Carvers, who have also lived in Japan, Thailand, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Australia.

schools in the USA, giving them the opportunity to come home each summer.

There are some big differences in the schools, however.

For instance, the sports teams travel to other countries to compete, which Amanda said is definitely a bonus.

"I've been to eight or nine countries to play other teams," she said.

Such traveling also found the sisters hosting the daughter of Jordan's King Hussain in the Carver's home for a week.

"It was amazing," said Amanda, who played in the same soccer league as Hussain's daughter, Princess Iman.

"We went to the soccer tournament in a limousine and had security people all over the house."

The school they attend in India sponsors mini course trips, which are week-long tours of Indian studies.

Amanda traveled to Sikkim, a state in India in the middle of the Himalayas, where the students helped plant trees.

monasteries."

Even the fact that she woke one morning to find that several leeches had attached themselves to her did not dampen her enthusiasm.

"Five leeches had crawled into my jeans," she explained. "My principal had to burn them off."

Christine's trip was to the Indian state of Rajasthan, where students stayed in hotels some nights and camped in the desert other nights.

"We rode camels and then elephants to get to the desert," Christine said. "We were attacked by wild monkeys while riding the elephants up to a fort."

Apparently wild monkeys are not so uncommon in India.

The girls explained that there are animals everywhere in India, including cows, monkeys, elephants and pigs.

"There are almost as many cows as people," Amanda said. "The elephants are dressed in gold with their trunks painted."

While the girls said they like eating the different foods

Airport to solicit community support

BY RICHARD MEEK

Stennis International Airport officials are taking marketing of the facility to the public.

After being refuted on several attempts by the Hancock County Port & Harbor Commission to secure \$100,000 in marketing funds, P&H Director Hal Walters said he is petitioning the community for its help.

"We have no marketing money and no marketing is currently being done," Walters said. "(Airport Director Bill Stovall) and I decided to go to an outside agency for marketing. We can't get business if we can't develop a marketing plan and do it in a proper way.

"We have permission (from the Commission) to do that."

Walters said he will attempt to solicit funding from private businesses and public agencies. He said he is optimistic businesses from a variety of sectors will become involved, since increased air traffic at Stennis is likely to

help the entire county.

Air traffic at Stennis has been light since the casino charter business came to an abrupt halt in June of 1995. However, the airport has been the beneficiary of several FAA grants that have added needed improvements, the most significant being new runway lights.

Also in the works are an automated weather reporting station and an instrument landing system.

"It's hardly worth the effort (of marketing Stennis) until we get some of the other tools in place," Walters said.

Also hindering Stennis' development and further economic growth at Port Bienville Industrial Park is the waiting period for both sites to be declared Foreign Trade Zones. Hancock and Jackson counties applied to join Gulfport in that status nearly 18 months ago, but personnel changes in the Jackson County Office of Economic Development have caused a delay.

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One-vehicle accident claims county resident

BY ELLIS C. CUEVAS

Hancock County suffered one fatality during the Christmas holiday season.

Timothy Phillip Guidry, 27, 6th Street in the Bayou Phillips Community, was pronounced dead at the scene in a one-vehicle accident on Christmas Eve, Hancock County Investigator Corky Hoda said.

The sheriff's office received

a telephone call at 9:30 p.m. Tues., Dec. 24, reporting there was an accident on Harbor Drive. Shortly after Hoda arrived at the scene he was told by AMR technicians there was a fatality.

"Hancock County Medical Examiner Norma Stiglet had been summoned, and she officially pronounced Guidry dead at the scene," Hoda said.

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Christmas on the bay

Sisters Christine (left) and Amanda Carver traveled for 31 hours and several continents in order to spend Christmas in Hancock County with their grandparents and relatives. The girls currently live in New Delhi, India, with their mother and stepfather. They have also lived in Japan, Thailand, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Portugal, and Australia. (Photo by Betsy Gagnet)

OBITUARIES

ROBERT E. BROWN
RUDY CHAMBERS
JOSEPH A. GIVEANS
TIMMY P. GUIDRY
FORREST V. NECAISE
MARY LOUISE SPENCER
HAROLD E. THORNTON
FRANK A. TRAPANI

ROBERT E. BROWN

Robert Ewing Brown, 76, of Pass Christian, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, in Pass Christian.

Mr. Brown was a native of Massachusetts. He was a retired chairman of the board of the Shreveport Times, the Monroe, La., newspapers, also KWKA Radio and KTHB Television in Little Rock, Ark. Mr. Brown owned Logan Farms Honey-Glazed Hams store in Edgewater Village, Biloxi. He was very active in community affairs in Shreveport, was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of Shreveport and a member of Pineville Presbyterian Church in Pass Christian. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II as a 1st Lieutenant, attended the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M., and attended Loyola University.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund Graves Brown and Esther Ewing Brown.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Graham Brown of Pass Christian; two sons, Robert Ewing Brown Jr. and James Graham Brown, both of Long Beach; a daughter, Mrs. Robin B. Keith of Long Beach; two brothers, Edmund G. Brown Jr. of Monroe, La., and Toumien H. Brown of Pass Christian; six grandchildren and a great-granddaughter.

Visitation was Thursday evening at Osborn Funeral Home in Shreveport. Funeral services were conducted Friday at First Presbyterian Church in Shreveport. Burial was in Forest Park Cemetery in Shreveport.

Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport was in charge of arrangements.

RUDY CHAMBERS

Ruby "Mother" Chambers, 87, of Gulfport, died Tuesday, Dec. 24, 1996, in Biloxi. Mrs. Chambers was a member of First Missionary Baptist Church of Handsboro, where she served in the Senior Choir and was a member of the Cheerful Givers Organization.

Astronomer Carl Sagan remembered for NASA work

By Gary Spencer Smith

Astronomer and astrophysicist Dr. Carl Sagan passed away Friday, Dec. 20 at the age of 62. A fatal respiratory condition developed while being treated for bone marrow disease.

Earlier this month, Dr. Sagan was featured on ABC News Nightline where he discussed recent discoveries, including bacterial evidence found in extraterrestrial rocks. This was his final educational program on television.

His work with NASA involved designs of craft used in space exploration.

Dr. Sagan has been a long-term professor at Cornell University. His dynamic lectures

encouraged many students to pursue careers in science.

A prolific writer, Dr. Sagan has written numerous scientific papers, articles, and authored dozens of books. His book, "The Dragons of Eden," won a Pulitzer Prize in 1978.

Regular appearances on television specials enabled Dr. Sagan to bring science into the home of the average American. "Cosmos," a series featured in 1980, was his most outstanding documentary, winning international acclaim.

Dr. Carl Sagan shall be remembered in history for his life-long dedication to scientific achievement and education.

Getting Down To The Basics Of Arm And Shoulder Pain

Arm and shoulder pain may have a variety of causes or may have a variety of names. But whatever the cause or name given to the condition they all share one common ingredient — pain. The pain may be of the constant, dull, throbbing variety. Possibly it is a sharp, stabbing sensation that comes and goes. Often the pain will worsen with increased activity. Whatever the cause or symptom of the pain, all forms share one basic desire — be rid of the pain.

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Piece of cake

University of Southern Mississippi students Russ Smith, left, and Eric Langevin visit with outgoing USM President Dr. Aubrey K. Lucas at a student-sponsored reception honoring Lucas. The Dec. 4 event was sponsored by USM's University Activities Council and featured a giant bowtie-shaped cake in tribute to Lucas's trademark neckwear. Smith, 26, of Franklin, Tenn., is a senior computer engineering technology major. He is the son of Emry and Linda Smith. Langevin, 19, of Diamondhead, is a sophomore liberal arts major. He is the son of Pierre and Christine Langevin.

Miss. College receives \$25 million

Mississippi College President Howell W. Todd announced an \$80 million capital campaign entitled "A New Dawn" during Homecoming 1996 activities. Dr. Todd electrified the crowd by announcing that a \$25 million gift from an anonymous donor has already been pledged.

The gift must be matched by the general fund-raising efforts for the campaign over the next three to five years. The campaign is the largest in the school's 170-year history.

The money raised during the campaign will be used to fund improvements and renovations to academic and residential buildings, academic scholarships and professorships, athletic facilities, technology and learning resources, and campus improvements and beautification.

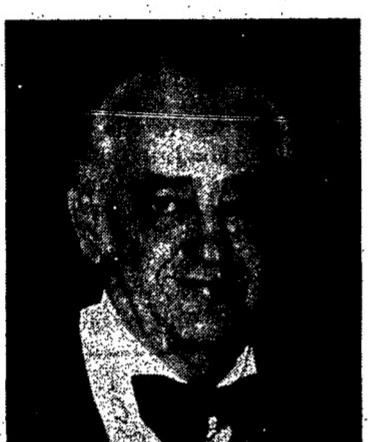
Specific improvements being planned include construction of a connector building between Self Hall and Hederman Science Building to provide access for the disabled, renovation/relocation of the law school, renovation of Nelson Hall, Lowery Hall, Aven Hall, Self Hall and Hederman Science Building. Construction of a performing arts center is also being considered.

Serving as campaign chairman for the fund-raising effort will be Bernard J. Ebbers, president and CEO of WorldCom. Leland Speed, chairman and CEO of Parkway Properties and EastGroup Properties, will be Friends Division chair and Bill Sones, chairman, president and CEO of State Bank and Trust Company, will function as University Division chair. Henry Hederman will serve as honorary campaign chairman.

Senior campaign director Richard Braga has definite ideas about how important this campaign is to the future of Mississippi College.

Obits

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FRANK A. TRAPANI

Frank Anthony Trapani, 80, died Thursday, Dec. 26, 1996, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Trapani was born in Algiers, La., and lived in Bay St. Louis since 1928. He was the owner and operator of Trapani's Knock-Knock Bar for over 50 years, served in World War II with the 84th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army, was a prisoner of war, a member of Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion, St. Stanislaus Sideline Club, Waveland Civic Association and the Shamrockers.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Zina Cimino Trapani Sr. and his stepmother, Annie Cortese Trapani.

Survivors include his wife, Jennie De Martino Trapani of Bay St. Louis; his daughter and son-in-law, Janet Trapani Hitt and Harold Hitt of Bay St. Louis; two granddaughters, Dina and Heidi Hitt; and a brother, Anthony Trapani Jr. of Bay St. Louis.

Accident

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Guidry was headed south on Harbor Drive when he apparently lost control of the vehicle and struck a utility pole.

Hancock County deputies assisting at the accident were John Bourgeois and Ray Billeaud.

Hoda said the accident is still under investigation.

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Abandoned housing demolition begun in Pass Christian

BY ED LEPOMA

Demolition has begun at abandoned public housing on the north side of Pass Christian that had become a neighborhood eyesore and a breeding source for crime.

The projects, sitting on two divided tracts of land on North Street, were built in the late 1950s and were commonly known as the Fitzpatrick and Randolph Housing Developments. The 28 units were heavily damaged by Hurricane Camille in 1969, but renovated, then abandoned in the early summer of 1995.

The units began deteriorating rapidly, and at first Mississippi's Housing Authority's Region 8 took bids for their renovation.

The Housing Authority let a bid to a Long Beach contractor to begin the renovation, but later cancelled the plans after it was determined that the cost of renovating would have exceeded the property's appraised value by 50 percent.

HUD's Region 8 director, Roy Necaise, had a public meeting last January to inform residents that the agency decided against renovating the units and would put the property up for sale. If no bidder came forward, HUD said it would have to wait until federal funds became available to demolish the units.

In the meantime, the city's Planning Commission and Chief of Police John Dubuisson declared the units to be "an endangerment to the health and safety of the neighborhood," and pressured HUD to demolish the units or threatened the city would "clear it ourselves."

A developer came before the Mayor and Board of Aldermen contending he could save the units, but after talking with the Planning Commission, he abandoned the idea.

On Friday, Necaise con-

firmed that HUD had accepted the high bid of MCC Lizana on the six-acre, divided tract, and a demolition permit was issued by the city's Building and Permits Office on Dec. 19.

Necaise said his assistant, Al Wickton, handled the sale and was off for the Christmas holidays, so he did not know what the property was purchased for, nor did he have details on Lizana.

Michael Lizana would not disclose his sealed bid on the HUD property, but he said "with the help of the city" he hoped to save and renovate some of the units. He said he and his brothers, Cecil and Clark haven't decided on what kind of units will replace the ones being demolished.

"But, it's nothing that's going to be too large or overwhelming to the neighbors." He also promised it would not be a "project-type" environment, but would be designed to attract moderate income residents.

The area is zoned R-2, which would allow for multiple family units, including condominiums or apartments.

Although city leaders were happy that demolition had begun, some had hoped the federal government would have declared the property "surplus" and donated it to the city.

"But, we're very glad we're finally getting rid of this eyesore," said Robinson.

Mayor Billy McDonald said he was also glad to see demolition underway, but he also wished the federal government would have donated the land to the city.



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"CUEVAS' QUOTES"

By Ellis C. Cuevas

Many celebrate the New Year holidays by using fireworks.

Every year across the nation thousands are treated at hospitals for injuries caused by fireworks. Every year homes are set on fire by fireworks, too.

Many cities have banned the use of fireworks because of their dangers.

Fireworks are legal in our area during designated times each year.

For families who do use fireworks, one of the most important safeguards for parents is to supervise their children if they use fireworks.

There are common safeguards, such as not pointing fireworks at anyone, read and follow directions, light only one at a time, and don't give fireworks to young children.

If you do use fireworks to celebrate the holidays, please be careful.

This coming week television will be filled with all types of college bowl games in addition to some national football league play-off games today.

I guess there will be a lot of "football widows" around the area.

One thing I have noticed in recent years is that there seems to be an increase in the number of females interested in the pigskin sport.

My wife has not gotten anywhere near the point of watching any part of a football game. I guess it pays to have two television sets.

I am hoping everyone will enjoy the bowl games and their respective teams will be winners.

If you haven't gotten the list of New Year's resolutions together, time is beginning to run out on you.

I am told that persons who write down New Year's resolutions stand a better chance of keeping them a few days longer than those who do not.

This is a time when some smokers will become non-smokers, and to each and every one of them I wish the best of luck.

It is not impossible to quit smoking. I was able to do so after about 18 years of the habit many years ago. I was a two-pack-a-day smoker and did it "cold turkey."

Today I have noticed many aids available to help stop smoking.

Anyway, good luck on your New Year's resolutions.

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REFLECTIONS ON LIFE

By Father Jerome
LeDoux, SVD

One thing has become abundantly clear in this year of our Lord 1996: Many, maybe most, of the people in the world, definitely in this country, are really mad at a lot of others.

The recent U.S. national election brought that out in sickening fashion, wiping out any vestiges of the "kinder, gentler government" pushed by George Bush. To say the least, a mean campaign portrayed a nation of angry people.

Most state elections fared little better. At the local level, most of our big cities are vying for the title of "Murder Capitol of the World," that alone accounting for most of the collective anger seething in our larger cities.

Thus, in a drive to ferret out money for the police, Thursday, Dec. 5 went into the books as one of the angriest days in New Orleans history, pitting French Quarter residents and others against the mayor and the City Council.

A peace counter-rally by allies of the mayor served only to further infuriate the Quarter

marchers who had been pushed over the hill by the now nationally infamous chilling triple murder of hard-working, honest employees of Pizza Kitchen.

If this time of Advent ever-needed bumbling witnesses of the run-down condition of our human race, it has an echo in the storming of City Hall, feeding into the words of Jesus:

"Be constantly on the watch! Stay awake! You do not know when the appointed time will come" (Mk. 13: 33).

Granted, the marchers had more than enough reasons to be angry, as do all victims of robbery, murder and other crimes. Their grievances must be addressed as soon as possible, but, more importantly, they need constant dialogue with the city.

We really don't have time to be angry with anyone else, because, no matter how long we happen to live, our days are painfully short and the times are incredibly evil. Instead of nursing anger, we need outdoors town hall dialogues.

More, we must be about the business of bringing joy, not anger, to those around us. That cannot happen unless all of us forsake our attitude that we are the braintrust of the city and everyone must follow our ideas and agenda.

"Rejoice in the Lord always! Again I say, rejoice!" (Phil. 4: 4), is a clarion call to forego our rancor and petty views with our spouse and children, in the church pews, on our daily job, just as well as in and around City Hall.

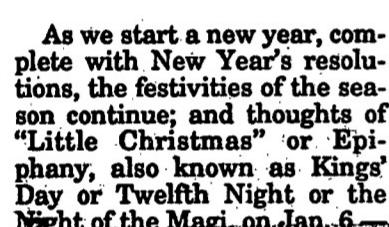
The Advent call to rejoice is almost a joke. With droves of people dying violent deaths, we don't have time for the arrogant imposition of our own agenda which leads to more deaths by neglect, and, of course, to anger.

More immediate and urgent than ever, the Advent message tells us life is so short and tenuous that we have no time to waste on anger. We have time only to forestall anger by constant communication and concerted efforts.

Three funeral on Tuesday, Dec. 3 jolted me back into what-

COOKING UP A STORM

By Katy McGuire
Caire



As we start a new year, complete with New Year's resolutions, the festivities of the season continue; and thoughts of "Little Christmas" or Epiphany, also known as Kings' Day or Twelfth Night or the Night of the Magi, on Jan. 6, followed when three kings followed a star which showed them the way to the Christ Child.

Remember the song, "We Three Kings of Orient are bearing gifts we traverse afar" as they followed the star to Jesus? And, so the event is celebrated all over the world, usually with the King Cake or as the French say, "Le Gâteau de Tres Rois"—the Cake of the Three Kings.

King Cakes in our area

started out as simpler brioche or pastry affairs, but over the years have become more elaborate confections, crowned with glistening sugary purple green and gold threads symbolizing the colors of Carnival, and often fruit-filled.

And the King Cake parties will continue until Mardi Gras, you may be sure; for the one who finds the doll in his or her piece of cake is King or Queen for the day or evening and must furnish a King Cake for the next party, as most of us are aware!

The baby is sometimes called "the Bean," recalling early days when a bean was hidden in the King Cake. Rings, coins and even pecan halves have been used also, as well as china dolls in the 1930's when I was growing up. But, as the dolls were breakable, plastic dolls were substituted.

Some King Cake parties are simply cake-and-coffee parties, or for the youngsters King Cake and soft drinks. Other parties are more elaborate, with the King Cake cut after hors d'oeuvres and libations, or at the close of a supper party.

I must confess that as tasty as many of the varieties of King Cakes available these days, I still prefer the simpler, older version, more like a brioche dough, a bread. You'll find the King Cake at bakeries or bakery departments of the supermarkets, or you may wish to make your own from a yeasty or brioche dough, or you may "hurry up" and shape refrigerated cinnamon rolls into the crown-shaped King Cake."

If you've more time and energy, you might want to make the true "Gâteau de Rois" of Paris and the surrounding provinces of France, the galette, a round flaky pastry.

To make this, sift 2 cups of flour and 1/4 teaspoon of salt together and mound on a board, making a well in the center.

Put into this 3/4 cup of butter and the same of water. Mix with the fingertips to form the dough into a ball and chill for an hour or so. Then, roll the dough out, turning it 4 times and chilling it again awhile after the second turn.

Roll into a round shape of half-inch thick, press a tiny doll or almond into the dough. Put on a buttered baking pan, brush with egg white and bake in a hot oven (400 or so degrees) for 20 minutes or so until brown. If you wish, add the tri-colored sugar topping.

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Teens

their travels have provided, the first thing they did after getting off the plane in Washington D.C. was go to McDonald's.

"I think we got almost everything on the menu," Christine said.

There is a McDonald's in India but it is not exactly the same explained the girls.

"The Big Mac is called the Maharajah Burger and it's either made of water buffalo or mutton," said Amanda. "It looks like a Big Mac and has the same pickles and onions; but there is no beef."

Road

"All I've ever eaten there is the veggie burger and it's really good," added Christine.

They have lived in India for four months and it is not the favorite place of either sister.

"There are a lot of rich Indians who own several houses, some with elevators" in them, but most of the people are very poor," Amanda explained. "It's really sad. It smells really bad and there are animals everywhere and children with no clothes on even when it is cold."

The Carvers have to take a lot of precautions with their wa-

ter which must all be boiled even if just used to wash the dishes.

Christine adds that the girls have had to take "tons of shots" and every Tuesday they take a malaria pill.

There are some things they will miss about India however, like being able to take a taxi wherever they want to go instead of having to depend on someone to drive them.

Both girls say they try to keep up with the trends in the United States, especially concerning

clothes and music.

"It's hard because things change so fast," Amanda said.

They have also picked up some Indian fashion, like toe rings, but have not yet gone as far as nose rings.

"I'm one of the only people in my school who doesn't have a nose ring," Amanda said.

Her grandmother let out a sigh of relief to that statement.

Christine said her favorite place so far has been Tunis where the schools were smaller and everyone knew each other.

"The history is amazing," she said. "Lots of Roman ruins."

For Amanda, the favorite was Dubai, which she said was like a permanent vacation complete with beaches and a shopping mall.

"It (Dubai) is very modern and very wealthy," she said.

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Airport

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road equipment.

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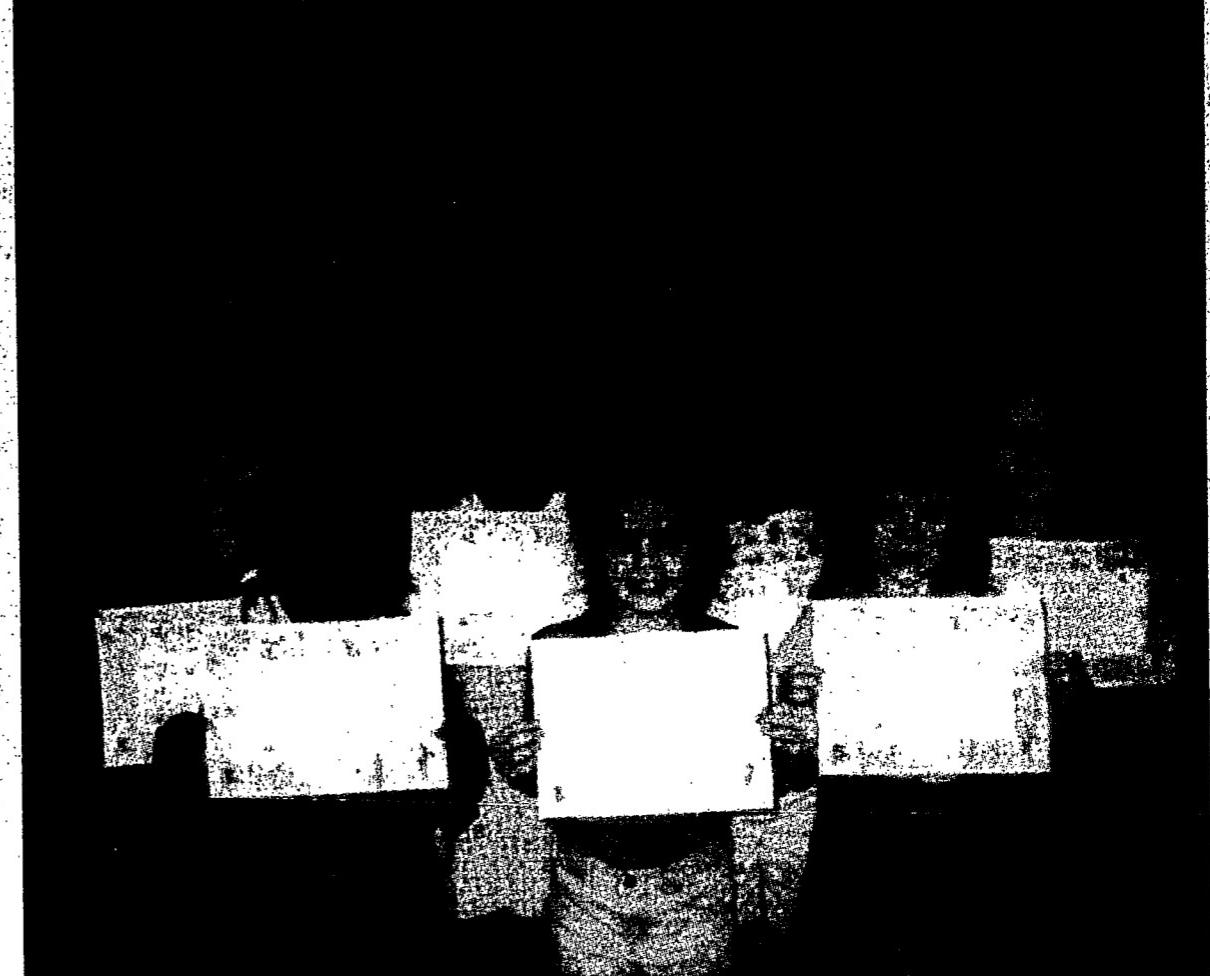
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First grade

Front row from left, Ivana Booker, Kayleigh Davis and Danielle LeBlanc. Back row from left, Courtney Ezell, Tashauna Patmon, Shakeea Lyons and Trent Williams.



Second grade

Front row from left, Nicholas Sires, Kyra Smith, Jacob Brou and Brandy Dailey. Back row from left, Hien Le, Michael Riley, Caleb McQueen, Chantelle Alley and Billy Thomas.



Third grade

Front row from left, Whitley Cann, Natasha Saucier, Cody Tomasich, Krystal Fitts and Teddy Morris. Back row from left, David Sellier, Nicole Morris, Sylvester Twiggs, Emmanuel Wilkerson.



Lion's Club members (left to right) Mr. Raymond Rome, District Governor of District 30 N; Samuel Blanchard, 1st Vice President and Tommy Graves, Sight Van Operator offer assistance as Robert Dardar, Secretary conducts a basic sight exam for Jessie Gilho, seventh grade student at Bay High. Over 500 students received eye exams during three recent visits by the Lions Club sponsored Sight Van. The Sight Van visits schools, shopping malls, etc. throughout the area to help serve the public eye.



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Mac Dowells celebrate 50th

Mr. and Mrs. R. K. Mac Dowell, formerly of Bay St. Louis, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Nov. 9.

They were given a dinner party Oct. 26 at Gallagher's of Covington. The dinner was hosted by their five children, Kathryn Mac Dowell of Vicksburg, Margaret Sarratt of Warner-Robins, Ga., Rory Mac Dowell of Houston, Douglas Mac Dowell of Pontchartrain and Helen Jackson of Lake Charles.

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The bride is the daughter of Laura C. Gilchrist of Pearl River, La. and Van G. Finch of St. Bernard, La.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steaven W. J. Bell Sr. of Long Beach.

The bride was given in marriage by Charles Kihneman Jr. Bridesmaids were Kim Pernicaro, Lisa Dennis, Julie Mistrot and Sherida Allen.

Flower girl was Caitlen Green, and ringbearer was Jeremy Kihneman.

Best man was Roland Ford.

Groomsmen were Rob Comprettta, Charles Peterson, Anthony Badner and Jonathan Kihneman.

A reception followed the ceremony at the VFW Hall in Kiln.

After a honeymoon in Gatlinburg, Tenn., the couple will reside in Bay St. Louis.

The "WORD" for the Week

Dennis J. Prutow, Box 303, Sterling, KS 67579

The possibility of real change

With the new year upon us and new year's resolutions hanging in the balance, we wonder about real conviction to make changes. Is it possible for me to get unhooked from a drug habit or an adulterous lifestyle? What about AIDS? Both these habits could kill me. The reason most folks get hooked stems from a rejection of God. That's right, a rejection of God. When we turn our backs on God, we rebuff his warning systems. We override our consciences. We engage in self-justification. We convince ourselves evil is good and good is evil.

"Safe sex" is a good example. We want the activity without the consequences. God says "You shall not commit adultery" (Exodus 2:14). Abstinence is evil. It is associated with God. We want to avoid unwanted pregnancies and AIDS. We suspend students for carrying aspirin and giving a friend an Advil. At the same time we distribute condoms in the school dispensary.

We need to return to God. This means forgiveness through Jesus Christ and the new life which follows. This new life is empowered by God. The person who returns knows the meaning of Philippians 2:13, "God is at work in you both to will and to work for His good pleasure." Here is the possibility for lasting change. It is the power of God to follow God's commandments.

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TOPS MS 233 Waveland met Monday, Dec. 23 at the Waveland Public Library. Kathy E. and Debbie G. were the week's best losers with 2 3/4 pounds each. Tammy was the week's best youth loser with 3/4 pound. Ruth B. was the week's best TOPS loser.

Ruth B. received a one-year KOPS charm. Debbie G. received a charm for losing 10 pounds. The next meeting will be Monday, Dec. 30 with weigh-in from 5-6 p.m. After that, meetings will be back to regular meeting day and time.

TOPS MS 233 meets every Tuesday. Weigh-ins are from 5-5:45 p.m. with the meeting immediately following weigh-in.

Anyone interested in losing weight the sensible way and maintaining that weight loss is welcome to visit the TOPS chapter. Interested persons are invited to call Judy at 265-5413.

Gulf Coast Stamp Club

The Gulf Coast Stamp Club meets Saturday, Jan. 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Water Street (south of the Main Post Office in Biloxi). Call 863-7770.

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Art classes offered

Contemporary realism
The Art School of Contemporary Realism in Covington offers a selection of 10-week sessions at \$200 for the term.

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Classes begin Jan. 8. A one-week advance registration and 50 percent deposit is required to reserve enrollment. Weekend and weekday classes are available.

For information call Adrian Deckar at 866-9414 or Georgia Ross at 522-7976 or write 1455 Magazine Street, New Orleans, LA 70130.

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Bonner Gallery

Jim Bonner is a graphic designer and artist in New Orleans and Pass Christian (103 East Scenic Drive, 601-452-3397), and has been active in design and marketing programs for many businesses and products in New Orleans and the Gulf South area.

Bonner and other local artists' duck and shorebird carvings, hand painted furniture, gifts and jewelry are available for commissioned assignments, along with many original watercolor, oil paintings and limited edition prints.

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Faberge' exhibit

The New Orleans Museum of Art plans special hours through the end of Feb. 9 to accommodate the anticipated crowds for the Faberge' in America exhibition. Museum hours will be Tuesday-Sunday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. with last entry at 3:30 p.m. Tickets are currently available through Ticketmaster and will be sold at NOMA's box office beginning Dec. 8.

To receive tickets for a specific date and time call 1-800-488-5252. Tickets are \$10 adults, \$8 seniors 65 and up, and \$5 for ages 3-17.

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Women artists

President Casino and Broadwater Beach Resort in Biloxi will host the Women Artist of the West Fourth International Juried Competition and Sale Feb. 14-16.

The show opens Valentines Day, Feb. 14, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. with a gala reception and award presentation hosted by President Casino from 7:30-10 p.m. at Gulf Hall, Broadwater Beach Resort East.

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BIRTHS

ELIJAH LUKE LOGAN

Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Logan of Bay St. Louis announce the birth of their first child, Elijah Luke, November 19, 1996 at 1:18 p.m. at Memorial Hospital at Gulfport.

He weighed 8 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces.

Mrs. Logan is the former Kristi L. Breland.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Larry E. Breland of Bay St. Louis.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry B. Logan of Pass Christian.

Maternal great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal Cochran of Bay St. Louis and the late Mr. and Mrs. Edrin E. Breland.

Paternal great-grandparents are the late Mr. and Mrs. John A. Egloff and the late Mr. and Mrs. William E. Logan.

Applications
for spring
grants
available

Applications for the spring 1997 round of competitive grants from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation are now available. Grants will be awarded from the following funds.

1. Pat Santucci Education Fund: These awards are for projects that impact public education in Hancock, Harrison, Jackson and Stone counties. Awards are usually between \$500 and \$1,000.

2. Isiah Fredericks Education Fund: One \$1,000 grant will be awarded for a public education project in the Harrison County or Gulfport school districts.

3. The foundation is also requesting proposals for funding under an initiative from the Roy Anderson Corp/Neighborhoods Fund to support projects that will benefit Hancock, Harrison or Jackson counties. This initiative has the following goals:

* to target low to middle income neighborhoods;

* to form partnerships between arts organizations and neighborhood organizations by developing pilot hands-on arts projects for children;

* to build the capacity of neighborhoods through resident organizations.

Application forms may be obtained from the Gulf Coast Community Foundation, P.O. Box 1899, Gulfport, MS 39502.

Deadline: All completed applications must be in the Gulf Coast Community Foundation office by 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 3 for consideration.

The final decision on qualifying applications will be made by March 31. Contact the Foundation office at 868-1563 for information.

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1996-97 SGA officers

Pearl River Community College's Student Government Association (SGA) officers for the 1996-97 school year are, from front left, Daphne Richmond of Prentiss (sophomore vice-president), Amy Polk of Prentiss (sophomore class president), Jennifer Kilpatrick of Petal (sophomore representative), Michele Welch of Kiln (freshman class president); middle row, Danielle Hughes of Laurel (SGA vice-president), Tangy Smith of Picayune (SGA president), Kelly Dunn of Hattiesburg (SGA secretary), Stacy Schiro of Bay St. Louis (freshman representative); back row, Kim Green of Columbia (sophomore representative), Kristy Smith of Bay St. Louis (freshman vice-president), and April Maddox of Maggee (freshman representative). Dean Miller Hammill is advisor to the PRCC SGA.

USM Communication School honored

The University of Southern Mississippi's School of Communication ranks in the top 10 nationally in doctoral enrollment, and doctoral degrees granted, according to a recently released survey.

The annual survey is conducted by the School of Journalism at Ohio State University and the findings were published in the Autumn 1996 edition of *Journalism and Mass Communication Educator*. Survey find-

ings indicate:

— USM, with a doctoral enrollment of 44 students during the fall 1995 term, tied for fourth place with Michigan State University. Leading the list were Howard University, with an enrollment of 70; the University of Utah, with 50 doctoral students on the roll; and the University of Florida, with 45 students.

— USM tied for seventh with the University of Missouri and the University of Illinois in the number of doctoral degrees granted during academic year 1994-95. All three schools granted six doctoral degrees that year.

Howard University again led the list with 11 degrees granted, followed by a three-way tie with eight degrees each granted by Stanford University, the University of Alabama and the University of Tennessee-Knoxville. Michigan State University and the University of Kentucky followed with seven doctoral graduates each.

USM's School of Communication has ranked in the top 20 of the annual poll in the past, but this is the first time the program has cracked the survey's top 10 list, said Dr. Art Kaul, chairman of USM's Department of Journalism.

Continued growth in the school's doctoral enrollment and graduation rate is a testimony to the reputation USM is earning nationwide, said Dr. Gene Wiggins, director of the School of Communication.

"Our graduates have taken teaching positions all over the country and that is reflected in our enrollment. We are admitting students from throughout the country," Wiggins said.

"We are also attracting a good group of international students, which gives a good mix to our seminars. I feel we have one of the finest graduate faculties anywhere in the country. Our program offers a broad scope of education, which also attracts students."

"Our reputation is growing. Being ranked among the top programs in the country in a national journal like *Journalism and Mass Communication Educator* also is a great honor that will help us continue to grow," said Wiggins.

Local youths attend orchestra conference

Two young musicians from Bay St. Louis were among 131 who attended the American Honor Orchestra Conference at the University of Southern Mississippi Nov. 7-10.

The American Honor Orchestra Conference, formerly known as the All-South Honor Orchestra Conference, is held annually on the USM campus for selected musicians in grades 6-12. Students, who were recommended for the conference by their directors and/or private teachers, rehearsed intensively for three days in preparation for a Nov. 10 concert in USM's Bennett Auditorium.

During the conference, the students from all over the country were taught under outstanding faculty from USM's School of Music.

Dr. Jay Dean, associate professor and orchestra director at USM, has directed the conference for the past nine years.

Guest conductors included Michael Alexander, director of orchestra at Stratford High School in Houston, Texas; John Clinton, director of fine arts for the Norman Public Schools, Oklahoma; and Thomas J. O'Connor, director of music at the University of South Carolina.

MTAG deadline set

The application deadline for the 1997 spring semester at Pearl River Community College for Mississippi Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) is Feb. 3, according to Mike Dobbins, PRCC financial aid director.

MTAG is available for students who do not receive a Pell Grant. Applicants must have their Pell Grant eligibility report and MTAG application at the Financial Aid Office by Feb. 3.

Students are required to have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 and a 15 or above composite ACT score.

The maximum MTAG award is \$250 per semester.

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Sister Donella Hartman, principal of Our Lady Academy, announces an open house for both parents and prospective students in grades 5-11 on Thursday, Jan. 9, 7-9 p.m.

This is a good opportunity for students and parents interested in OLA to see the campus and many of the teachers and students and to learn about other aspects of campus life at OLA.

Current students of OLA will serve as tour guides and will be available to answer questions about the school and its programs and activities. Alumnae, parents and school board members will also be available to answer questions.

The entrance test for prospective seventh, eighth and ninth graders is Saturday, Jan. 25, 9-11 a.m. The placement test will be administered in the cafeteria at Bay Catholic Elementary School.

Students wishing to take the test should contact the school office for an entrance test registration form.

For information about the open house or the entrance test, contact Sister Donella Hartman at OLA during the school day at 467-7043.

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TRAVEL & ENTERTAINMENT

THE SEA COAST ECHO—SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29, 1996-5B

Neville Brothers, Louie Anderson scheduled New Year's Eve at Grand

Grand Casino Biloxi and Grand Casino Gulfport end 1996 in style with two blockbuster shows. The world renowned Neville Brothers will light up the stage with their unique blend of jazz, rhythm and blues, reggae, and Zydeco. Famous funnyman Louie Anderson will bring the house down with his humorous outlook on family and life.

The Neville brothers recorded one of the most important albums of New Orleans pop music *The Wild Tchoupitoulas* when the brothers reunited in the early seventies. From that point the Neville brothers

have grown ever more popular across the U.S. and around the world. The band won a Grammy in 1989 for Best Instrumental with the song "Healing Chant" from the *Yellow Moon* album. Aaron achieved enduring pop stardom with hits like "Tell it Like It Is," and duets with Linda Ronstadt, "Don't Know Much" and "All My Life," both Grammy winners. They perform Monday, December 30 at Biloxi Grand Theatre at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$30/floor and \$20/balcony.

For tickets or additional information, call the Biloxi Grand Theatre Box Office at 1-800-WIN-2-WIN ext. 2804. Tickets are also available at all TicketMaster outlets.

Louie Anderson has made numerous appearances on TV

shows such as *The Tonight Show with Jay Leno*, *David Letterman*, *Arsenic Hall*, *Comic Relief*, and *Grace Under Fire*. Louie has also appeared in films such as *Coming to America* with Eddie Murphy and lent his voice to a character on the animated film *Bebel's Kids*. He has done four comedy specials for Showtime and HBO and is currently writing and narrating his own animated series on Fox entitled *Life with Louie*. Louie Anderson will take the stage at *America Live!* Monday, December 30 at 9:00 p.m.

Tickets are \$24.95 for general admission seating and are on sale at the Grand Casino Gulfport Box Office. For more information call 1-800-WIN-7777 ext. 1904.

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The House Rockers (dance and party music) 12:30-1:30 a.m.

Primetime (variety music) 2-5 a.m.

All shows are free and located on the main lobby stage of casino. Must be 21 to attend.

BILOKI

Dec. 31, Na Na Sha (New Year's Eve party) 8-9 p.m.; 10-11 p.m., 11:45p.m.-12:45 a.m. Free.

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Russian architectural chronicled in NOMA

Outside the bustling industrial cities of modern-day Russia sit magnificent churches — large and small — that no longer collect much notice from locals or tourists for that matter. These abandoned edifices, majestic in their heyday, now bear silent witness to the neglect and outright abuse they have suffered throughout this century of turmoil, war and cultural obliteration.

New Orleans photographer Dr. William Craft Brumfield, a professor of Slavic languages at Tulane University, has taken on the task of preserving, at least on paper, this magnificent architectural heritage. His efforts comprise the exhibition *Lost Russia: Photographs by William Craft Brumfield*, on display at the New Orleans Museum of Art Nov. 5-Feb. 9.

Brumfield became enraptured with Russian architecture, particularly church buildings, while traveling extensively in the country in the 1970s and '80s as a graduate student and research scholar. He was struck by the lack of Western scholarship of Russian architecture, although his extensive study of Russian history and literature in graduate school had given him a sense of cultural heritage that helped direct his knowledge of what should be photographed.

Sadly, many of the architectural masterpieces he sought were damaged during World War II or targeted by the Communist regime, or just left alone for time to take its toll.

"The photographer can only work with what time has left and, over the past quarter of a century, I have recorded much of the remaining legacy of Russian architecture," Brumfield said.

But a new world was opened in the early 1990s when the Communist government collapsed and Brumfield was granted unfettered access to the Russian countryside. With this, Brumfield said, "I was able to witness a landscape that had for me acquired the aura and remoteness of legend."

This rural Russia charmed him. "The silence of the Russian countryside creates a still moment in which the photographer can capture the nobility and pathos of an abandoned church or estate house. Even on the verge of ruin, they retain their monumentality with striking effect," he said.

In selecting *Photographs for Lost Russia*, Brumfield avoided familiar landmarks and concentrated on buildings, churches for the most part, that remain largely unknown in the West and even within Russia itself.

Lost Russia is a fine complement of Faberge' in America, the exhibition featuring the more luxurious side of Russian society. The exhibit will be at NOMA Dec. 8-Feb. 9. Tickets, which are issued for a specific date and time, are available through local Tickemaster outlets. Hours for Faberge' are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

The museum is open Tuesday-Sunday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. and closed Mondays and legal holidays, except during Faberge' in America, when hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday, closed Christmas and New Year's days.

For advance tickets, call or visit your local Tickemaster location. In the New Orleans area call (504) 522-1314. For group tour information, call (504) 483-2300 in New Orleans.

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19. Dog_____, wom
20. Early 20th century artists
23. Clue
25. Complication
27. Electrifying
28. Sharp
29. Publicize
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CLUES DOWN

1. Have
2. Consistent
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6. Hawaiian town
7. Entertainment
8. A way of delighting
11. Expressed pleasure
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14. TV network
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22. More competent
23. Cut to shreds
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25. Make a sharp or crackling sound
26. Play activity

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15. Adept
17. Hides
18. Sonnie
19. Eared
20. Duds
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25. Snag
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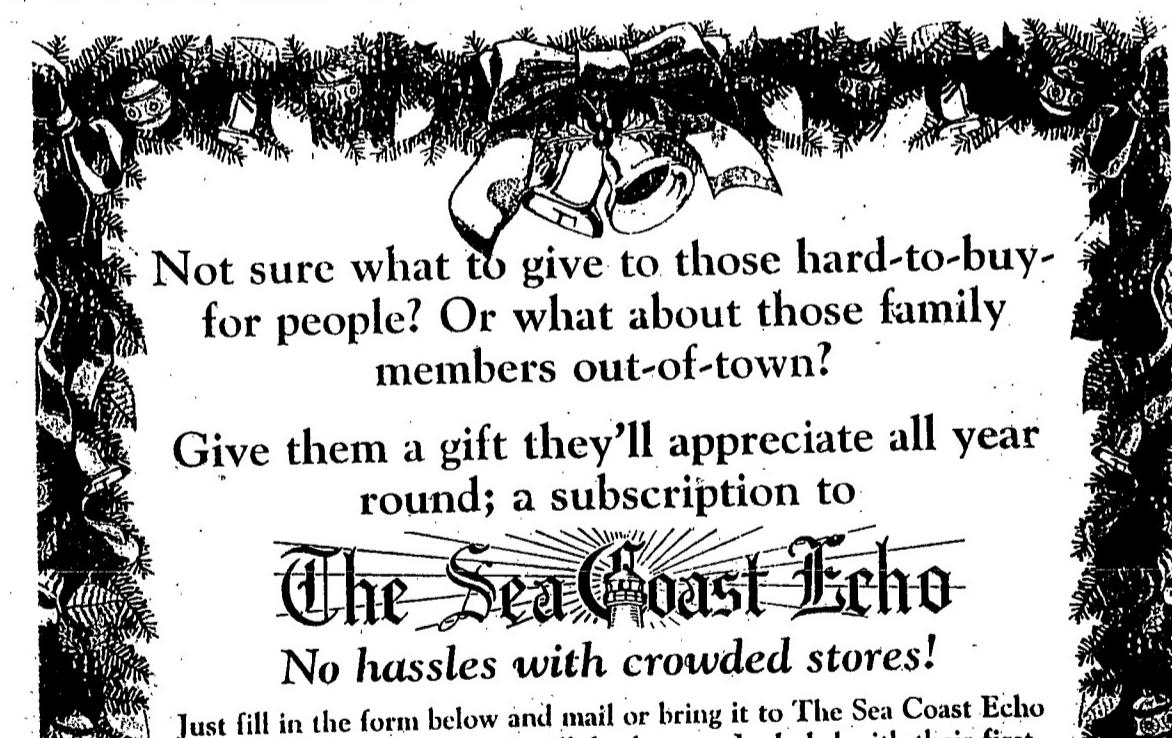
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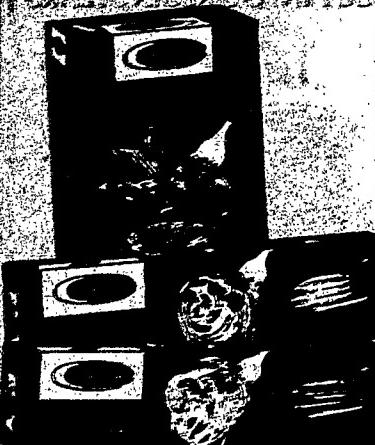
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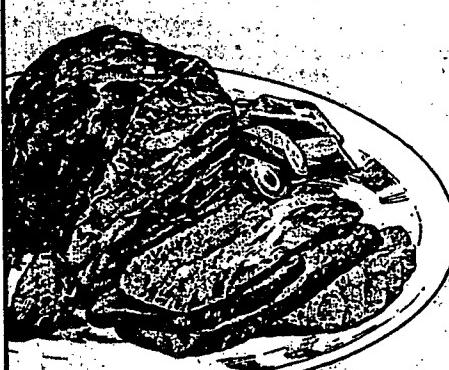
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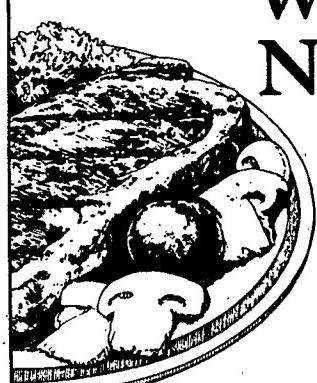
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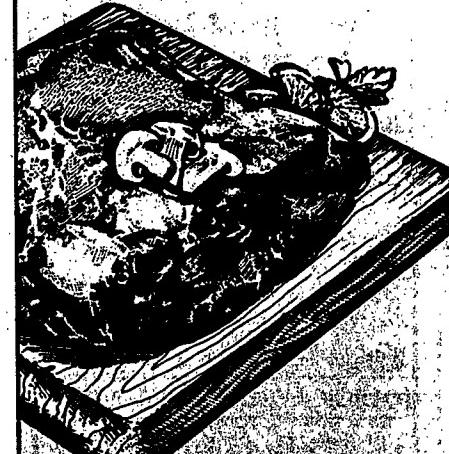
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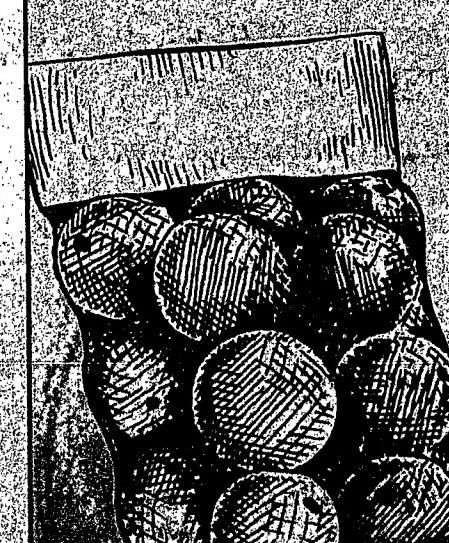


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Leadership Overcoming the fear factor

Leaders are among America's most revered citizens—mayors, governors, school principals, committee chairs, etc. However, leadership can be a frightening calling, especially given that no leader can make everyone happy 100 percent of the time, says Russ Pennell, a University of Mississippi assistant basketball coach who constantly works with young adults. From his observations, he says leadership can be rewarding for young people but scary, also.

"Many young people are afraid to lead because they think no one will follow," Pennell says. "Most people will follow; they're looking for a leader. Once people get over the fear factor, they can be great leaders."

The coach says leadership is an innate quality.

"People know when they have the desire to be a leader. They like to be in front of others and do things, even if they are controversial at times," he says, pointing to other qualities of leadership that are present, even at young ages:

- Confidence

Belief in one's self is a key element for leaders who need to know that they will make the right decision at the right time.

- Compassion

Leaders have to take the whole group into consideration, not just a select minority, Pennell says.

- Balance

Leaders must keep their role in perspective. "Some people let their position go to their heads and become arrogant and prideful," Pennell says. "You have to remember that your job is no more important than that of the followers. Without them your job would be meaningless."

- Desire

The worst leader is someone who has been made to lead. "A lot of times, especially in sports, we equate leadership with age," he says. "But you can't do that. You have to look for someone who wants to be a leader."

- Courage

Leadership is challenging, especially when a leader makes a decision that is not popular. "You're putting yourself and

your reputation out there every day, and that can be tough," Pennell says.

- Example

One of the most common misconceptions about leadership is that leaders must be vocal. "You don't have to be vocal to be a good leader," the coach says. Leadership can be just as effective through example."

Gulf South Urgent Care lab services surveyed

Gulf South Urgent Care in Bay St. Louis received a "No Deficiency" rating in a recent survey of its laboratory services.

John Hanks, CLIA inspector for the Mississippi State Health Department, surveyed the lab Dec. 17 and found no areas deficient related to testing procedures, laboratory documentation or regulatory compliance.

Hanks said it is very unusual to find no deficiencies when a laboratory has been in operation for only three months, as is the case at the clinic.

Joseph Stribling, MD, medical director of Gulf South Urgent Care, credited the recognition of excellence to staff members Donna Lambeth, MLT (ASCP), laboratory manager, and Warren Wright, MD, FASCP, laboratory director, for their efforts over the past three months.



Spanish dancers

Spanish dancers Mr. Dale and Mrs. Florence Duffie performed during the Our Lady of Guadalupe Mass held recently at Our Lady of the Gulf Church. The Mass was put on by students and faculty of Bay Catholic. (Echo staff photo by Betsy Gagnet)

Celebrating Christmas

Coast Episcopal students Sarah Hightower (left) and Seth Johnson portray Mary and Joseph in a Christmas play at the school. The play was a part of the school's Christmas celebration.

Healthy New Year's resolutions can be achieved with planning

The resolution of getting in shape and losing weight seems to be one that many people put on their list at the brink of each new year. And as the pages of the calendar turn, many of those same people abandon this resolution.

People should make short- and long-term goals to achieve the resolution, says Dr. Len Kravitz, University of Mississippi assistant professor of exercise science and leisure management and the graduate coordinator of wellness. He offers the following tips to help keep you on the road to a fit and healthy body well into 1997:

- Compile a health and fitness evaluation.

List the behaviors you do well (don't smoke, eat healthy, don't abuse any substance, etc.) on the right side of the page.

List the areas you would improve (lack exercise, exhibit poor posture, suffer from high stress, etc.) on the left side of the page. Determine how you can shift everything to the right side.

- Make a schedule and stick to it.

Generally, exercise needs to occur on schedule during a specific part of your day. Without this schedule, the program may soon be given up.

- Make your goals realistic.

"Try not to do too much, too soon, too fast and too hard," Kravitz says.

- Set short-term and long-term goals.

A short-term goal would be

any scope of time within six months. A long-term goal would be any amount of time over six months.

- Use the buddy system.

"A great way to improve your workout consistency is to have a partner," the Ole Miss exercise scientist says. "Try to find someone who has similar goals and ask them to join you."

- Be patient.

"Exercise benefits take time," he says. "Most everyone wants results, but you've got to be patient."

- Reward yourself.

Regularly do something nice for yourself to recognize achieving short- and long-term goals. Buy a new outfit, to a movie or do anything special. "Too many people don't reward themselves," says Kravitz.

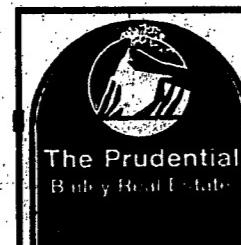
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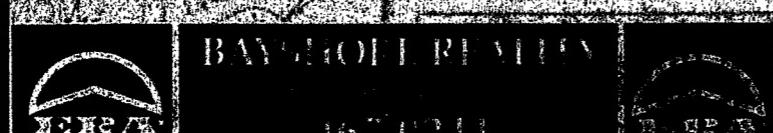
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